

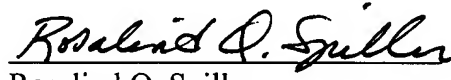


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to an Office Action with a mailing date of June 1, 2006, response to which is due by December 1, 2006 with three-month extension, a request and payment for which is included herewith, and which is therefore being timely filed, kindly consider the following remarks.